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Dear Lisa,

I know that you were stunned by the loss of the Space Shuttle Challenger and its crew as were people the world over. Not since the assassination of President Kennedy has our nation been so united in grief. None of us will ever forget that awful moment.

With these things in mind, I am pleased to be able to send to you a momento of the Challenger--something that was actually a part of its cargo when it flew into orbit in August of 1983. It is a NASA/U.S. Postal Service SPACE SHUTTLE COVER (envelope) that was one of only 260,000 flown into space. It is serially numbered and bears a pictorial postmark of August 14, 1983 (the planned launch date of Challenger). It was also postmarked at Cape Canaveral on August 30,1983 (Challenger's actual launch date) and again on September 5, 1983 at Edwards Air Force Base in California (when Challenger returned to earth). Amazing how much history can be contained on one envelope, isn't it?

This is an extremely rare item, and one that most stamp collectors would give their eye teeth for. Now that the Challlenger and its crew have left us in such a spectacular way, this cover will probably increase greatly in value over the next few years. I hope that it will have special meaning for you and that you will treasure it always as an important part of American history.

You might want to show this to your classmates and do a little talk on it. If you do, don't let anyone handle it, as finger prints on the envelope or wear and tear on the folder will diminish its value.

Please let me know what you think.

Love to you,

Uncle Jess